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SUBJECT: CBS STORY ON ARMS SHIPMENT TO THE KURDS

1. THE BAATH PARTY DAILY, AL THAWRA, AND THE OTHER BAGHDAD DAILIES CARRIED THE FOLLOWING IDENTICAL STORY ON NOV. 3. QUOTE: AMERICAN BROADCAST:

NIXON THE FORMER AMERICAN PRESIDENT HAS FURNISHED A GREAT QUANTITY OF WEAPONS TO THE AGENT GANGS WASHINGTON: 2 - INA: THE FORMER AMERICAN PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON FURNISHED SECRETLY WEAPONS AMOUNTING TO MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO THE GANGS OF THE AGENT BARZANI. THIS WAS DISCLOSED TO THE SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN WHITE HOUSE AND WAS BROADCAST BY THE COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM LAST NIGHT.

THE BROADCAST COMMENTATOR DANIEL SHORE SAID THAT THE CIA AND THE AMERICAN STATE DEPARTMENT ASKED TO BE INFORMED OF THE DETAILS OF THE WEAPONS' SHIPMENTS BUT THAT THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT ORDERED THE CIA TO EXECUTE THE MISSION WITHOUT ANY EXPLANATION.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THIS STORY WAS CARRIED IN CONSIDERABLY MORE DETAIL ON BBC AND VOA SHORT WAVE NEWS BROADCASTS, THE GOI HAS APPARENTLY DECIDED TO PLAY IT IN LOW KEY. THE IRAQI STORY DOES NOT MENTION THAT CBS REPORTED THAT THE
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SHAW HAD ASKED NIXON TO SUPPLY THE ARMS. IRAQI NEWSPAPERS

ALSO ATTEMPT TO PIN THE BLAME ON NIXON PERSONALLY AND NOT
ON THE USG. IT APPEARS THAT THE IRAQIS DO NOT WANT THIS
STORY TO INTERFERE WITH THEIR DETENTE WITH IRAN OR TO BECOME
A NEW BONE OF CONTENTION WITH THE UNITED STATES.
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